

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed April 4, 2007 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.


Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 4, 22, and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claims from which these claims depend along with the features of any intervening claims. As noted above, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3 along with the subject matter of claim 2. The Applicant has also amended claim 20 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 22 along with the subject matter of claim 21. In addition, claim 39 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 3, 21, and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 4 and 23 have been amended to correct their dependencies. Claims 19 and 38 have been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Claims 1, 2, 5-21, and 24-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0160932 A1 to *Yegoshin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,636 B1 to *McConnell et al.* Claims 2 and 21 have been cancelled, as noted above, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Regarding the remaining claims, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. As previously noted, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 20, and 39 to include subject matter which the Examiner kindly pointed out is allowable. Therefore, claims 1, 4-20, and 23-39 are in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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